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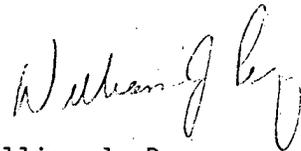
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: R&D for HUMINT

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1. Thank you for your letter of 30 January citing some major technical needs in the covert communications area. I am aware that work is ongoing in CIA to satisfy each of these needs, but I am anxious to see if more can be done.

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2. For the past two years the Council has encouraged the R&D Subcommittee of your Human Resources Committee to get a better handle on the generation and validation of requirements for R&D in support of HUMINT. Until this is done the Council cannot make a judgement on the adequacy of R&D efforts to meet the requirements. Perhaps by mid-year the HUMINT R&D Subcommittee may have something useful, and at that time we will consider taking a look at the Community's R&D effort.

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3. Your personal interest is greatly appreciated and we will help whenever and wherever we can.



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